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MEMORANDUM

TO: Laura Swan, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Ashley Maher
Office Manager

DATE: July 20, 2022

RE: Safety Concerns in Dallin School Area

The Select Board at the meeting of July 17, 2022, referred the attached to you for your review and recommendations back to the Board

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Enclosure.

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Greetings Select Board Members,

I wrote to bring to your attention two traffic and pedestrian safety concerns near the Dallin School:

1) Appleton/Rhinecliff crosswalk

There is no signage on Appleton St alerting drivers approaching from either direction to the crosswalk where pedestrians cross Appleton to/from Rhinecliff St. Due to the slope of Appleton St, drivers heading southwest on Appleton, toward Route 2, can't see the crosswalk until they are nearly on top of it. Please consider installing signs on both approaches, and placing a mid-street bollard sign at the crosswalk this fall, when students walking to/from Dallin will cross Appleton there.

2) Dow/Rhinecliff crosswalk (see photos)

The crosswalk on the east side of Rhinecliff St, for pedestrians crossing Dow Ave, offers poor sight lines for drivers going north on Rhinecliff as they turn right to go northeast on Dow. This includes drivers on Dow coming from Route 2, who make the S-turn to continue on Dow. Visibility of this crosswalk is impeded by a tree and a utility pole at the curb line. Please consider safety improvements at this intersection, perhaps including:

- installing flexible bollards to "daylight" this crosswalk
- constructing a bump-out at the crosswalk
- relocating the curb to shorten the radius of that corner, which would tighten the turn and slow down drivers.

Installing signage for the Appleton/Rhinecliff crosswalk should be straightforward, not needing further study.

What to do at the Dow/Rhinecliff crosswalk might benefit from study by the Police Department, the Planning Department, and/or your Transportation Advisory Committee.

Thank you for reading and for your service to Arlington,

Peter Fuller

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